

Response to Election of Species Requirement
Serial No. 10/073,006
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (New) A digital camera that periodically creates, until a recording instruction is issued, a first still image corresponding to an object scene which is incapable of being displayed in real time, and creates, when the recording instruction is issued, a second still image corresponding to the object scene so as to record into a recording medium in a compressed manner, comprising:

a calculator for calculating a specific compression ratio coefficient in which the first still image can be compressed up to a specific size;

a compressor for compressing the second still image by use of the specific compression ratio coefficient;

a corrector for correcting the specific compression ratio coefficient when a compressed second still image created by said compressor does not satisfy a size condition including the specific size; and

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a recorder for recording the compressed second still image satisfying the size condition into said recording medium, wherein the first still image and the second still image have the same resolution with each other.

Claim 11 (New) A digital camera according to claim 10, wherein said calculator includes a first still image compressor for compressing the first still image, and a calculation executor for calculating the specific compression ratio coefficient on the basis of a compressed first still image created by said first still image compressor.

Claim 12 (New) A digital camera according to claim 10, wherein said recorder records a newest compressed second still image into said recording medium when the number of compressing operations directed to the second still image reaches a threshold value.